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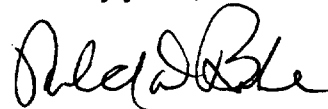
Re: Special Notice of Liability
Sauget Area I Site, Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois
September 9, 1998

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is a follow up to our recent conversations and my September 17, 1998 letter to you. As you know, Eagle Marine disputes that it is a PRP at the Sauget "Dead Creek" site. In my previous letter to you, I requested that USEPA investigate the relationship of Eagle Marine's property to Sauget Area I in efforts to eliminate Eagle Marine from the list of potentially responsible parties. The September 9, 1998 letter Eagle Marine received from USEPA states, "As a potentially responsible party, you should notify USEPA in writing within ten days of receipt of this letter of your willingness to participate in negotiations to perform or finance the activities described above." My September 17, 1998 letter to you was an acknowledgment that Eagle Marine received the Special Notice of Liability, but it did not specifically offer to negotiate with EPA.

Eagle Marine is willing to discuss its potential liability with EPA, and the purpose of this letter is to confirm that fact. Eagle Marine does wish to cooperate in any way it can with USEPA, although it does not know at this point why it received the Special Notice of Liability. Eagle Marine will wait to be contacted by USEPA before taking further action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard D. Burke
President

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